

(Docket No. 02N-0466)

Dear FDA:

I understand that you may looking in the best interest of the people of this country by testing this vaccine incase it might have to come in handy; but you also have to remember who you are testing it on: CHILDREN. Forty children may not seem like that many, but these forty children are going to be put in danger if this vaccine is tested on them. What if one of these children end up dying from this experiment? What is a parent to do next? There is a great risk that this "could cause a life-threatening reaction when they probably won't benefit from it..."

There is no guarantee that there will be a terrorist attack, or any other situation that would result in using this vaccine. This experiment is also not guaranteed to be safe and/or successful. I do not think that under these circumstances, a parent will want his or her child involved in this experiment. This is very dangerous and risk-taking. Children are very fragile and precious...so why would we want to put them in danger?

Since everyone can get smallpox, why are only children being tested? Even though a child's organism is healthier and would end up showing better results, they are not the only ones that can get this virus. It would be a lot safer to test adults, in the fact, of protecting the shot. A small child would want to peel off his or her bandage, and could result in "touching the infection site, then touching the eyes, mouth, or someone else" and end up in more danger. An adult would be a lot more careful with the infection site.

It is understandable that this vaccine would want to be tested incase a situation would come up where we would need it, but it is not guaranteed, and why put small children in such jeopardy?

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